

Invitation of Applications for Digital Audio Broadcasting Licence

Parties interested in applying for a sound broadcasting licence for digital audio broadcasting (DAB) may submit applications to the Broadcasting Authority (BA) in accordance with the “*Guidance Note for Those Interested in Applying for Licences to Establish and Maintain in Hong Kong a Broadcasting Service under Part IIIA of the Telecommunications Ordinance (Cap.106)*” (Guidance Note). The BA will assess the applications and make recommendations to the Chief Executive in Council in accordance with the provisions under the Telecommunications Ordinance.

2. The Guidance Note and application form are available at <http://www.hkba.hk/en/radio/application/>.

3. All applications received on or before 30 April 2010 will be processed as the first batch of DAB licence applications by the BA on the condition that the information provided by the applicants in relation to the applications at the request of the BA and within the period specified by the BA is accurate and adequate for the purpose of making the applications. Successful applicants in the first batch of applications processed are expected to share the Band III multiplex to be released for DAB, the existing hilltop transmission sites and the transmission equipment, with Radio Television Hong Kong acting as the coordinator. For applications which fail to provide information as requested by the BA within the period specified by the BA or which fail to be submitted by 30 April 2010, they may not be processed by the BA as the first batch of DAB applications.

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